

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

REPORT OF MEETING WITH LOUIS F. CARROLL, LAWYER FOR
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE, 15 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.; ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 1946.

Mrs Effa Manley, Alex Pompey and Curtis Leak met at Mr. Carroll's office at 10:00 A. M. on the above date to ascertain the following:

1. Petitioning the Major Leagues for recognition.
2. Protection of Negro National and Negro American League players.
3. The best way to go about accomplishing 1 and 2.

Before Mr. Carroll replied he emphatically stated that he wanted his position made clear: He stated that he was the attorney for the National League and also represented the New York Yankees in legal matters and had at times worked for Mr. Rickey. He did not want to make any commitments for the majors in regards to its policy toward Negro Baseball.

Mr. Carroll's reply to question (1) was that it is rather early for the NNL and NAL to petition for recognition to the National Association of Minor and Major Leagues because the qualifications were so involved. Pointing out the question of territorial rights. Acknowledging that there would hardly be any infringement upon the same patrons; therefore, necessitating a special rule for Negro Baseball.

On question (2) he said that if the Negro leagues were using regular major league contracts that utmost respect would be given to them. It is the policy of the Majors to have respect for all player contracts.

On question (3) he asked for time to talk the situation over with Commission Chandler and other members of both leagues. He said we needed a concrete program and proof that we were operating our business along the lines of established business principles. He would want to see our constitution and to study it. Promised to inform the NNL's secretary of his final findings after his talks with the aforementioned peoples.